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Application of : Kathryn S.E. Cheah, et al.

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For : USES OF TRANSGENIC MOUSE CONTAINING A
TYPE X COLLAGEN MUTANT

Examiner : Peter Paras, Jr.

Art Unit : 1632

1185 Avenue of the Americas
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May 29, 2003

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
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Sir:

**RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION DATED APRIL 23, 2003
AND PETITION FOR ONE MONTH EXTENSION OF TIME**

In response to the Office Action dated April 23, 2003, applicants hereby request a one month extension of time in which to respond to the Office Action, and enclose a check for \$55.00 in payment of the extension fee for a small entity.

REMARKS

In response to the Office Action, applicants elect to prosecute group II (claims 6 10-13) with traverse. In addition, applicants respectfully request that the Examiner add claim 14 to group II, in that it is linked to claims 10-13. The use of an inducible regulatory element (claim 14) is not restricted to transgenic animals (group IV), but is important for, and can be applied to, the method recited in group II (claims 10-13). The